

PTA General Membership Meeting Minutes

Date: May 08, 2019

Location: Amerman Elementary

Board Members Present: Laura Christensen Guthrie, Tanya Edwards, Michelle Garr, Christina Beattie
Absent - Kate Mitchell

Welcome (Laura Christensen Guthrie)

- Meeting called to order at 9:07 am

Principal's Report (Marco Marando)

- Mr. Marando on behalf of the district: NHS ranked 8th in the state for stats such as graduation rate and college attendance. This is compared to all schools, not just public schools.
- Bond update. Construction will start the Friday after school is out, June 14th. The school will be emptied.
 - The office will be temporarily located to Hillside starting June 17th. Beth will be available until approx, Tuesday, June 25th. Please watch LISTSERV for more details.
 - Medication pickup by Friday, June 14th.
 - School will not re-open until the first day of school. There will not be an open house prior to the first day of school as in years past. Planning on a curriculum night a week or so after school starts.
 - Both cottages are being removed, however they will most likely be the last to go as the contractors will be using them over the summer as their offices.
- Thank you to Julie Yakupova for her work and the volunteers on the grounds cleanup. It looks fantastic!

Secretary's Report (Michelle Garr)

- March 7, 2019 meeting minutes presented for approval. *Motion to approve Christina Beattie, 2nd Julie Malloure. Approved unanimously.*
- Giftcrowd will be set up for end of year teacher/staff giving. The teachers/staff will receive an email on Saturday, June 15th to redeem their gifts.

Treasurer's Report (Tanya Edwards)

- Reviewed Actuals, no changes from previous meeting, and presented for approval. *Motion to approve Christina Beattie, 2nd Amy Ryan. Approved unanimously.*
- Busch's MyWay - please make sure to re-enroll each quarter as it does not auto enroll your selection for Amerman.
- Office Max also has a school giveback program.

Vice President's Report (Christina Beattie)

- **Invest in Your Child** - Winners were announced at Breakfast with a Buddy. Congratulations Julie Malloure, Krissie Krenz and Carrie Hurney.

- **Volunteers needed**

- Silent auction coordinator for Bobcat Bash 2020. You'll be working with the current coordinators this year to learn the role.
- BOGO Book fair on 6/10 to 6/12. This is the book fair held after school. Contact Laura Christensen Guthrie if you are able to help.
- **5th grade party and clap out**— Andrea Osbourne is handling the party. The clap out will be the last day of school and similar to what has occurred in years past. Details forthcoming.
- **Committee chair openings for 2019/2020** (next year): Please contact Christina Beattie if you are interested in chairing:
 - After school programs
 - Marquee
 - Birthday book club
 - Invest In Your child - Fundraising made Simple
 - Community Service
 - Hospitality
 - Yearbook - additional help needed
 - Teacher Appreciation Week
 - Movie Night
 - 5th grade party
 - Trunk or Treat
 - Reflections
 - JES - additional help needed (this work starts in the summer to secure and book programs throughout the school year)

- **Upcoming Events**

- **Teacher Appreciation week, May 13-17.**

- The PTA will take care of all of the details. Students are working on thank you cards/hearts for teachers during school.

Schedule for the week:

- Monday: Breakfast
- Tuesday: Chair Massage therapist, 8 minute massages
- Wednesday: Michigan snack day (faygo, better maid, etc.)
- Thursday: Coffee bar and desserts
- Friday: Pizza, pop, prizes and gifts for the teachers

- **Bonaventure skating party, May 14th.** This is the last party of the year. All proceeds go to Amerman. PTA is covering the \$2 upcharge for us to have use of the new playscape. K-2 will have a dedicated hour and grades 3-5 will have a dedicated hour. Cost is \$8.50.
- **Bobcat Bash, Friday May 31st**
 - Wristbands are on sale now for \$20. They will be on sale the week of, after school Tuesday thru Thursday for \$20, Friday is \$25. Anyone who pre-orders can pick up the week of after school or make arrangements with Christina Beattie to pick up their wrist bands. Wristbands cover everything but Food (cash/credit card at the food trucks), Silent Auction, Classroom baskets (tickets) and Dunk Tank (cash only).
 - We have a ton of sponsors this year! There is all new signage this year and it looks wonderful! Great work to the team leading this!
 - A lot of Volunteers are needed for the event. The signup link is posted in MemberHub and on Facebook. Most slots are 30 minutes to 1 hour. High School/ Middle schoolers are welcome to volunteer and are best suited at the carnival style games. They are not allowed to volunteer at the bounce house, dunk tank, or anything involving money.
 - Mr. Greg and a few teachers have volunteered to be in the dunk tank. Looking for more volunteers.

Presidents Report (Laura Christensen Guthrie)

- Presented amendment to Bylaws to add a 3rd Vice President to the board. Amendment proposal was distributed at meeting and posted on Facebook. Voting on the amendment will take place on Thursday, May 23rd.
- 2019/2020 board voting will take place on Thursday, May 23rd at 9:00 am. This will be a quick 1/2 hour meeting.
- Cheryl Brooks, Art teacher, and Isaac Hood, Para, are both retiring at the end of the school year. The PTA will be purchasing a gift for both.
- Box Tops will be transitioning to all digital. More info forthcoming.

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Meeting adjourned at 10:02 AM

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Garr

Next meeting - Thursday, May 23rd 9:00 am to 9:30 am (voting on bylaw amendment, and new board)